उत्पाद शुल्क के रूप में वसूल की गई राशि 47782 करोड़ रुपये थी। यह राशि वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान वसूल की गई 44918 करोड़ रुपये की राशि से अधिक थी।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) ऐसी कोई सूचना नहीं है कि बहुत बड़ी संख्या में कारखाने बंद होने के कगार पर हैं।

Rules/Regulations Regarding Promotion of Re-Employees Ex-Servicemen in GIC

3732. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether DOP&T OM. No.14023/1/90 Estt. (D) dated 21st May, 1991 as applicable to GIC and its subsidiaries in respect of promotion to the cadre of re-employed ex-servicemen;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether GIC or its subsidiaries have framed any rules/regulations for giving weightage to past defence service rendered by them for promottion to Group C and D as applicable to ex-servicemen re-employed in banks;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether ex-servicemen in possession of Graduation Certificate under relevant rules of DOP&T re-employed in GIC and its subsidiaries are absorbed as Graduates and paid Graduation allowance; and

(f) if so, number of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Office Memoranda issued by the Department of Personnel and Training are not ipso-facto applicable to public undertakings. However, Ministry of Finance has issued separate instructions covering various aspects of re-employed ex-servicemen in insurance industry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The GIC have reported that the proposal was examined and it was observed that such weightage would have disturbed the seniority of existing employees and was fraught with avoidable litigation and industrial unrest amongst the employees other than ex-servicemen.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

घोटालों में शामिल पंजाब नेशनल बैंक के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही

3733. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विभिन्न घोटालों में शामिल पंजाब नेशनल बैंक के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गयी है, और वे बैंक में अभी भी महत्वपूर्ण पदों पर बने हुए हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बार-बार मांग करने के बावजूद भी घोटालों की केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से कोई जांच नहीं करायी जा रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा उक्त मामले के संदर्भ में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० जनार्दनन): (क) से (ग) पंजाब नेशनल बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि जब कभी गंभीर चूकों का पता चलता है तो बैंक के कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की जाती है। बैंक के अनुसार धोखाधड़ी के सभी मामलों को जहां आवश्यक समझा गया, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो (सीबीआई) के पास भेज दिया गया है और जहां कहीं आवश्यक हुआ है, अनियमितताओं में शामिल अधिकारियों को संवेदनशील पदों से स्थानांतरित भी कर दिया गया है। सीबीआई ने सूचित किया है कि वर्ष 1995, 1996, 1997 और 1998 (30-4-1998 तक) के दौरान सीबीआई ने पंजाब नेशनल बैंक में हुई विभिन्न अनियमितताओं में शामिल वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध 34 मामले दर्ज किए हैं। इन मामलों में से 8 मामलों में अब तक न्यायालय में आरोप पत्र दाखिल किए जा चुके हैं और तीन मामलों में नियमित विभागीय कार्रवाई की सिफारिश की गई है।

IMF Suggestion for full Convertibility of Rupee

3734. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has formally suggested to

Government to agree to the full covertibility of the rupee on the capital a account at an early date

(b) if so, the Government's response to the suggestioni, and

(c) whether in formulating Government's position in the matter the turmoil that has overtaken several South East Asian countries since October, 1997 is being borne in mind?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise,

(c) The Government takes all the relevant factors into account while formulating its policies in this regard.

Cases Regarding Securities Scam

3735. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
DR. JAGANNATH MISRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases filed in connection with the Securities Scam following the presentation of the report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee thereon;

(b) the status of the stage of investigation/prosecution of these cases;

(c) the number of cases yet to be filed on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee; and

(d) the time by which those cases are expected to be filed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered in all 72 cases so far in connection with the irregularities in securities and banking transactions. The position of these cases are given below:—

1. Chargesheet filed	39 cases (cases pendings trial 37 as 2 cases have been disposed off ending in acquittal).
2. Cases pending sanction for prosecution	2 cases
3. Prosecution order issued	2 cases
4. Chargesheet to be filed	2 cases
5. Cases referred for Departmental Action/otherwise disposed off	24 cases
6. Investigation completed under scrutiny for order	1 case
7. Cases pending investigation/enquiry	2 cases

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Cases Referred to DRTs

3736. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases referred to the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) since it was set up on 24th June, 1993 by various banks and financial institutions, bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) the amount of dues involved in these cases; and

(c) the number of cases disposed off and the amount of dues recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Approval for Increasing Market Borrowing by Tripura

3737. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura got the approval of the Central Government for increasing market borrowings during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government to this proposal?